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1. WE CAN FORESEE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH IL 1585 WERE THE US TO OPPOSE ALL OR SOME OF THE UK PROPOSALS, BUT FAIL TO FIELD AN EXPERT OR PROVIDE A VERY FULL BRIEF ON ITS REASONS FOR OBJECTION. AS WE REPORTED ON OTHER ITEMS, DELEGATIONS (GERMAN, UK AND FRANCE) HAVE DEPLORED THE ABSENCE OF US POSITIONS AND/OR INABILITY TO PROVIDE RATIONAL EXPLANATIONS FOR THEM. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE THE ABSENCE OF FULL SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS HAVE HAD A QENERALLY DEBILITATING EFFECT AT CERTAIN TIMES IN LIST REVIEWS THAT THE PRESENCE OF ADVISORS SUCH AS MR. MONTEAU SHOULD BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY.

2. THEREFORE DEGREE OF URGENCY ASSOCIABLE WITH MR. MONTEAU'S TRAVEL VARIES WITH US ABILITY TO DEVELOP A POSITION ON 1585. SHOULD THE TTG SUCCEED IN DEVELOPING A MUCH NEEDED REDEFINITION OF 1585, MONTEAU'S TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO ITS PROPER PRESENTATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE WERE MERELY GOING TO SUPPORT THE UK PROPOSALS, NO TECHNICAL ADVICE WOULD BE
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